

# Tentative Policy Approved For Glencoe Center Rental

by Barbara Culler

With much discussion and an executive session due to threat of pending litigation, the Lincoln County Commissioners approved the Glencoe Rural Events Center policy and rental agreement at their February 11 meeting held at the Civic Events Center in Ruidoso. The Glencoe Rural Events Center is located 12 miles east of Ruidoso Highway 70.

The approval came with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner

William Schwettmann voting no. Schwettmann didn't feel he could support anything at the time as he was not sure where it was going. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley did not vote as he had left earlier for a meeting in Santa Fe. Added to the approved policy was that there would be no refund on deposits if events were cancelled.

It was approved to honor the 1997 arena schedule as it is now and wait to book other events until the policy is fine-tuned. The events that have

been approved for 1997 are:

May 24-25 Arena Grand Opening; Lincoln County Memorial Weekend Team Roping.

July 5-6: Lincoln County 4th of July Team Roping.

July 12-13: New Mexico Invitational Team Roping Assn.

July 16: Lippizan Stallions.

August Tentative-Cutting Horse Seminar; Pro Rodeo.

August 30-31: Lincoln County Labor Day Team Roping.

October 4-5: Lincoln County

Cowboy Symposium Team Roping.

October 11-13: Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium Exhibitions.

Commissioner Wilton Howell made sure that it was known that this approval of the policy and rental agreement is temporary. It was felt by some of the commissioners that some interim policy was necessary. Commissioner Monroy Montes felt an obligation to set policy now and they can change it later.

Several of the commission-

ers said they were unfamiliar with some of the events that are to be held in the arena. At the next meeting, appointing a board to make recommendations on both the rental fees and policies will be discussed. The commissioners said the board would receive suggestions from citizens on the arena and then make recommendations to the commissioners.

Sandra Kuykendall from the Ruidoso Civic Events Center explained a little about their renting of the

Center. She explained their prioritizing in scheduling of events, how they keep from competing with local merchants, and their philosophy,

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## Roundhouse Rumbles

by DORIS CHERRY

As the House cranks up the Gaming issue big time, the Senate is working on an issue that is simmering, ready to explode — Medicaid reform.

The four major House gambling bills (or the nice term gaming) will be heard in the Business and Industry Committee which begins at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) February 13. The bills are designated as "Emergency" which means with three-fourths of the elected body approving, and the governor's signature, the bill(s) could become immediate law.

Testimony for and against gaming was given during two joint House committee sessions on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday's hearing, where the public presented its views, started at 1:30 p.m. and lasted until nearly 8:00 p.m. About 10 people from the Ruidoso and Lincoln County area testified on behalf of gaming. Some spoke only for the horse race tracks, which need the booster shot of video slots to improve race purses and consequently the quality and quantity of horses and trainers. Others, including Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino spoke on the economic benefits of the Casino gaming, and some from Ruidoso spoke on how necessary it is to have both the casino and horse race track to continue healthy economic growth in Lincoln County. They told of how jobs were lost when Casino Apache was closed last fall. County Commissioner L. Ray Nunley also spoke about taking care of the racing industry and the Indian casinos.

There were also many testimonies from people whose families lost life savings because of compulsive gamblers, and many spoke on the dire need for counseling programs funded with proceeds from gaming for compulsive gamblers. Testimony is sure to happen again during the committee today.

Tuesday night, the racing industry hosted a reception attended by several Ruidoso individuals, including former Ruidoso mayor Lloyd Davis and his wife, Gary Lynch, Cindy Lynch, Nunley, Mark Wilson, Tom Batton among others.

While the House grapples with gaming, the Senate is pursuing Medicaid reform. Our Senator Pete Campos told this reporter the state needs to be very cautious in how it proceeds with implementing managed care for Medicaid. "We may not really see big savings by going to managed care," he said.

Campos' big concern is managed care's affect on rural health care. "The problem is small, rural hospitals aren't satisfied managed care will provide the service needed," Campos said. "It could create a hardship."

There are four hospitals in Senator Campos' district — Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso, Northeast Regional Medical Center in Las Vegas, and two small hospitals in Fort Sumner and Santa Rosa. "We need to do everything possible to get control over the spiraling costs of Medicaid in New Mexico, but not at the expense of the poor, elderly and those with disabilities," he said. "Shifting to a managed care system, in which private companies assume that risk and are responsible for ensuring that Medicaid recipients receive the care they need, can be a responsible way to reach that goal. However, we should consider phasing in a rural and metropolitan Medicaid care pilot program to work out the kinks that will arise with providing health care services through this plan."

Funding for Medicaid, which is a joint federal and state program, could consume about \$80 million in new money, Campos added. "While the transition to Medicaid managed care won't result in outright savings, it could slow growth in expenditures. My main concern is in ensuring that the care provided our elderly, disabled and low-income Medicaid recipients remains top quality and that our rural hospitals remain financially viable," Campos said.

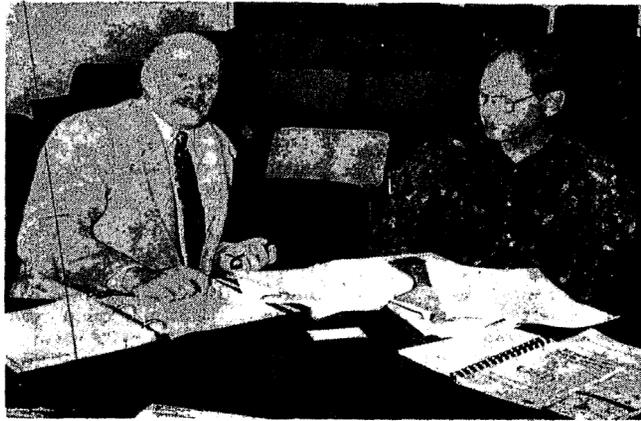
About 241,000 New Mexicans received health care through Medicaid. Of those, about 57,150 or 24 percent, are elderly and disabled, but their expenses account for about 59 percent of the Medicaid budget.

"Too often, we think of Medicaid as a health care program for the poor. But most of the Medicaid budget is spent on the health care needs of the elderly and disabled," Campos said.

Several proposals are before the 1997 legislature to ensure that Medicaid patients continue to receive is good and ensure that rural clinics and hospitals continue to be able to treat Medicaid patients. "If our rural hospitals lose Medicaid patients because the managed care companies aren't using those hospitals, then they may have financial trouble and be less able to serve their communities," Campos said.

"In addition, I am concerned that patients who have beha-

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NM LABOR SECRETARY CLINTON D. HARDEN JR. (left) was in Lincoln County Monday to meet with local residents. Lincoln County Manager Frank Potter asked that the 911 base mapping be a concern for the governor and a priority.

## County Moves Ahead With Land Use Plan

by Barbara Culler

A proposed ordinance for a property tax rebate for low-income taxpayers, road priorities, and Lincoln County Lodger's Tax were some of the items considered by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on February 11 at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center.

Three public hearings were held. One hearing was to consider the proposed ordinance providing a property tax rebate pursuant to the Income Tax Act for low-income taxpayers on a county option basis. This ordinance will come up before the commissioners every odd year the county assessor told the commissioners. The taxpayers modified gross income for the property tax rebate has risen from \$16,000 to \$24,000. Commissioner Wilton Howell said that he had checked and in 1995 in Lincoln County the gross income average was \$16,000. The assessor said there was no telling how much the rebate would be — anywhere from 50 to 75 percent.

Two people from the audience spoke about the issue. One objected to continuing handouts and feels he should not have to pick up the slack for low income taxpayers. He feels that people should be responsible for their choices. When the property was bought, it should have been known that property taxes would have to be paid on it. The other person who spoke on the issue felt that Lincoln County taxes were reasonable.

Howell made a motion to deny and Commissioner L. Ray Nunley seconded it. The ordinance was denied unani-

mously.

The ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 1985-2 and all subsequent amendments per-

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## Problems At C'zozo Rec Center Discussed

by Ruth Hammond

Problems at the Carrizozo Rec Center were discussed at the town council meeting Feb. 11. Several bowlers attended the meeting and made comments about the increase in rates, machines not working, and the lack of communication with the person leasing the Rec Center from the town.

Frances Horton said, "We had these problems before but we were not paying higher prices." She commented that bowlers have asked to meet with the person leasing the Rec Center and he sent word for people to write down what they have to say and he will consider it.

Mayor Cecilia Kuhnel said the board of trustees has had no more luck contacting the man and had a special meeting Feb. 6 in reference to the contract. The mayor has sent a letter to the man. He has 10 days to respond. "We the board are trying collectively to remedy trying to get him to respond," Kuhnel said.

Johnny Culley, the assistant manager at the Rec Center, said he is aware of some of the problems. "I feel like I'm in the middle of a big war," Culley said, and added, "I want out of the war. I just want everyone to know I have exhausted myself physically and mentally. I am trying to do all I can to keep the Rec

## Shooting Results In Death Of Man

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department received a call at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 in reference to a shooting that happened in Capitan.

When officers arrived they found a white male, identified as Charles D. Wyche, 21, lying in the driveway face down with an apparent fatal gunshot wound to the upper chest area.

Preliminary investigation indicated that during the early morning hours of Feb. 8, the owner of the residence had witnessed someone prowling around her home and vehicle.

The owner had her daughter and a young female friend inside the residence and stated she feared for the children's welfare.

The suspect (s) subsequently disconnected the power and phone service to the trailer and began breaking windows to the residence. The owner of the residence became terrified and armed herself with a

hand gun. During the course of the assault to the residence, the owner gave repeated warnings to the prowler that she was armed. The assault on the residence continued and the owner fired her weapon at the prowler.

The owner then took a defensive position in the hallway and continued the all-night vigil. At daybreak, the owner exited the residence and she and the children ran to a neighbor's house for help and authorities were called to the scene.

The joint investigation by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Ruidoso Police Department's major crime investigation unit, and the 12th Judicial District Attorney's office under the direction of district attorney Scott Key, assisted the Capitan Police Department. The investigation is continuing.

Center open."

In other business, De'Aun Willoughby presented the 1995-96 audit and said there are no material weaknesses and she found no instances of non-compliance.

"You (the town) have collected more money than you have spent in every fund," Willoughby said, adding, "I've never seen that before."

One of the more lengthy

issues discussed by the town council was the resolution to increase the budget for court automation expenses. Fees have been collected to pay for court automation.

The resolution as presented, and finally approved after a 50 minute discussion and a five minute recess, included not only the amount which

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THE S.M. ORTIZ COURT COMPLEX and Carrizozo Police Department are now located in the newly renovated old city hall building at 406 Central. The public is invited to an Open House Friday, Feb. 14 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to tour the building. Refreshments will be served.

# County Moves Ahead With Land Use Plan (Continued from Page 1)

taining to the Lincoln County Lodger's Tax was approved at the public hearing. It was also approved to leave the Lodger's Tax at two percent. During the discussion period county attorney Alan Morel stated that the 1996 law change expanded what could be done with the money from the Lodger's Tax and that if the tax is over two percent half (50 percent) must be used for advertising. The remainder

may be used for items such as purchasing or upkeep. All money collected must be spent within two years of the time it is collected.

Paul Crown, chairman of the Lincoln County Lodger's Tax Committee, stated that the committee budgets all that it collect each year. There was an amount accumulated by previous Lodgers Tax Committees over eight or 10 years that was not spent. It will go

back to the state if the county does not spend it. After budget time last year the committee has started spending it. The Lodger's Tax Committee spends the money totally on advertising and promotion. Right now they have a three year contract on billboards. They help to support a number of events, including the motorcycle rally. To be supported, an event must be spread out county-wide.

Commissioner William Schwettmann asked Crown if he was satisfied with the two percent Lodger's Tax we have now. Crown said he had heard rumors of it raising to five percent. He feels five percent is too high and feels that the committee is doing well with the two-percent.

The last public hearing was to consider the application of C. K. Stribling, D/B/A Wortley Hotel for a restaurant liquor license. This license is to be leased to the Lincoln County Historical Trust. The restaurant liquor license application was approved 4-1. Commissioner Rex Wilson opposed.

A public hearing will be held Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m., in the Ruidoso Civic Events Center. This hearing is in reference of the application of the Public Meetings Act to county owned hospitals. Howell explained that this would exempt Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) from conducting business in open meetings. He wants to address the Open Meetings Act and State Procurement Code.

County Road Foreman Albert Hernandez discussed with the commissioners the condition of county road B-020. The county manager had been requested to look at the condition of this road. It was felt by the person making the request that perhaps all 37 1/2 miles needed to have caliche put on the road. Hernandez said that there were a few bad spots that needed the caliche; however, to do the whole road would, he estimated, cost a quarter of a million dollars and take six months. Wilson felt it would not be realistic to go in with a full project; that doing once or twice a year maintenance would be fine. The commissioners decided to take no

action on this and felt Hernandez was handling the situation fine.

Road priorities for the 1997/1998 fiscal year projects with the New Mexico State Highway Department were approved. Priorities are: School bus routes county subdivision Valley View Heights to install culverts and lay base course at a cost of \$43,971.68; County Arterial Program (CAP) - Agua Fria subdivision to chip seal from Griffith Drive to Vegas Road 1.3 miles at a cost of \$90,605.05; COOP county road D003 (old Fort Stanton Road) chipping 1.4 miles, and county road E023 low water crossing in Hondo, and Holiday Hills subdivision concrete capping of culverts on Dean Road.

Dr. Alex Thal presented the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Proposal to the commissioners. The major tasks of this proposal were three: assessment of Lincoln County custom and culture, development of a comprehensive policy plan, and public involvement processes for Lincoln County citizen input.

The proposed budget is \$8,000. This amount is broken down into two sections: custom and culture analyses and documentation \$2,000, and comprehensive plan documentation and public involvement \$6,000.

There was discussion about custom and culture and Thal stated that the federal and state require this as part of a comprehensive land use plan. Howell stated that he felt custom and culture was a natural thing to do when you make a land use plan and should not be an extra cost.

Schwettmann asked if the assessment will take into account the fact that customs and cultures are changing with the growth of Lincoln County. Thal said that would be included.

Schwettmann moved to approve hiring Dr. Alex Thal to develop the Lincoln County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Including the culture and custom assessment, the cost is not to exceed \$8,000. A task based contract is to be drawn up by the county attorney

and Dr. Thal is to be paid upon completion of the plan. It was approved 3-1, with Howell opposing. Commissioner L. Ray Nunley did not vote as he had left for a meeting in Santa Fe.

The Lincoln County Maternal Child Health Planning Council Update, Proposal, and Membership List was presented to the commissioners by Wanda Gielow De Figueroa. After the presentation Figueroa asked for commission approval. Their approval is required for her to submit the Home Health Services Maternal Child Health Proposal to the State. The commissioners gave their approval.

The Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) requested approval to mail a letter to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concerning the proposed ruling by the BLM on revision and consolidation of regulations and laws pertaining to original action of lands administered by the BLM. This letter is referencing criminal action on lands administered by the BLM.

Dave Coke, chairman of PLUAC, stated that the main intent of the letter was to make sure it is clear that the BLM not supersede local law enforcement. Howell made the comment that he did not believe that county law can supersede federal law. PLUAC wants to express their concern that this ruling not infringe on local concerns. The commissioners gave their approval in a vote of 3-1 with Howell opposed. Nunley was not present to vote.

County Attorney Alan P. Morel advised the commissioners that as of February 1, the law firm of Parson, Bryant & Morel, P.A., will cease to do business as an active law practice. Since February 6, 1996 the firm has been providing services to the county with Morel as the lead

attorney. Morel advised the commissioners of the need to approve the assignment of the Lincoln County Agreement for legal services to Alan P. Morel, P.A., his new corporate entity if they want to have him continue to provide legal services for the county.

The commissioners approved the assignment of the Lincoln County agreement for legal services to Alan P. Morel, P.A., with no other alterations to the basic terms of the agreement.

The following also were acted upon by the commissioners:

Approved real estate contract to purchase Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block 5, in Carrizozo.

Approved resolution encouraging the reform of the New Mexico Subdivision Act.

Approved resolution authorizing the County Treasurer to add two funds to the Lincoln County Revenue Budget. One Trust Account for the Lincoln County Sheriff for depositing funds in connection with Writs of Execution and the other a Trust Account for the Lincoln County Detention Center in connection with trustee funds.

Approved resolution adjusting the 1996/97 Budget of Lincoln County.

Referred to the county manager building renovations requested by District Judge Richard A. Parsons, for some more financial information.

Howell suggested starting talks with the District Attorney, Judge, and others who may be involved on an ankle program. He stated that the jail is at 90 percent capacity. The ankle program may be a way to free up space for those who need to be in jail. He would like to get a dialogue started.



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## Problems At C'zozo Rec (Continued from Page 1)

the state will pay for court automation but also included \$5,174 for the police department's share for software. The police department would be required to pay that amount.

Police chief Duane Vinson had stated he doesn't have that money in his budget and the town council wanted to know where the money would come from.

Vinson said he has computer purchases, more than \$3,000, he made last year. He got a requisition July 25, 1996 and received the merchandise.

Town clerk Carol Schlarb asked if Vinson had obtained quotes before making the purchases. State law requires quotes be obtained if the purchase is over a certain amount.

Vinson said he had the quotes but no one could find a purchase order number (PO #) for the purchases. Apparently a PO # had not been obtained for the purchases as required by state law. The vendor, Chuck Wilson of Access Data Corporation in Albuquerque, said he had not been paid for the merchandise.

Vinson said he had the requisition on his desk and left the meeting to go to the police station to get it. When he returned about 10 minutes later he said he couldn't find the requisition. He said he would find the requisition and bring it in.

Vinson also announced the

Open House at the new police and court building at 406 Central would be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Vinson also asked for space to be designated in front of the new police/court building for handicapped parking and additional reserved space for a police vehicle. The town council suggested he talk with the highway department.

The town council discussed naming the police/court building or placing a plaque in memory of S.M. "Sally" Ortiz, former municipal judge. Town trustees Wesley Lindsay, Eileen Lovelace, and Willie Silva were in favor of naming the building S.M. Ortiz Court Complex or Municipal Building. Trustee Ruth Armstrong said she liked the idea of a plaque in memory of Ortiz.

The final decision was for the S.M. Ortiz Court Complex. Lindsay, Lovelace and Silva voted for the name and Armstrong cast a nay vote saying she did not want to name it.

The town will advertise for two lifeguards and a cashier for the swimming pool. Deadline for applications is Feb. 24 and the matter will be on the agenda Feb. 25.

The town agreed to not appoint Elton Matthews as alternate municipal judge at this time. The board agreed to wait for the new budget cycle.

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# Carrizozo Chit Chat



### Senior Citizen Art Display

The Carrizozo senior citizens arts and ceramic classes will have a display of their works at the Carrizozo Senior Center Feb. 14 - 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The public is invited to view the display.

Senior citizens entering their paintings in oil and acrylics are Pat Baker, Claire Lago, Frances Degner, Ruth Pratt, Barbara Ward, Karen Yarborough, Jim Giles and Dollie Ward. Lago, Ward and Yarborough are beginners. Cindy McKenzie is the ceramics instructor and Dorothy Leslie is the art instructor. The art group includes Dorothy Leslie's grandson, Kenny Leslie, who is also a beginner. The public is invited to join either group, regardless of age.

### Singles Group Makes Plans

The Ruidoso/Lincoln County Adult Singles Group is in the process of planning special activities for the next few months. The group meets every Thursday in Ruidoso. Call 354-2635 or 258-4680 or 257-5077 for more information and a copy of the monthly newsletter.

The group is planning a game night, movie matinees, special movie screenings, a week-long trip to Mexico, and an outing for snowmobiling and tubing.

### United Way To Meet

The United Way of Lincoln County's board of directors, campaign committee and disbursement committee will meet Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Texas-New Mexico Power Co. public service meeting room at 100 Mechem in Ruidoso.

### New Alphabet for Third Graders

Third graders benefited from the technology in the new computer lab. Linda Greer utilized the new scanner and her artistic talent to

create the pictures used in an alphabet developed by Greer and teacher Phoebe Cogdill. The alphabet followed a southwestern theme and allowed the students to relate more to the cursive alphabet on display in the classroom. The students are delighted with their new alphabet.

### Degree For Renee R. Beltran

Renee Roper Beltran, 20, a native of Carrizozo, was awarded her Associate of Arts degree from New Mexico State University (NMSU) in December. Beltran, a 1994 graduate and salutatorian of Carrizozo High School, is currently a journalism major at NMSU.

A junior at NMSU, she finished the fall semester with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) and a cumulative GPA of 3.821. She has also been honored as a Crimson Scholar for all three of her years at NMSU.

In 1994, Beltran was awarded two scholarships which continue to enable her to pursue her degree. The President's Associate's Scholarship is a \$1,100 NMSU scholarship, renewable for eight semesters. She must maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA and carry a full course load. The other scholarship is the Harriet Donahoo Scholarship, sponsored by the New Mexico State Woman's Club. The \$250 scholarship is also renewable for eight semesters and requires that the student carry a full course load and remain in good academic standing.

Beltran plans to graduate in May 1998. She and her husband, Lenny, make their home in Las Cruces. Her parents are David and Barbie Roper; her grandparents are Tom and Nancy Knight, and Barney and Lois Roper, all of Carrizozo.

### Jim Brown On Honor Roll

Jim D. Brown, a Carrizozo graduate, was named to the Distinguished Students honor roll at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. His parents are Dewey and Linda Brown.

### Book Fair

A scholastic book fair will be held Wed. Feb. 26 through Wed. March 5 in the Carrizozo school library. Community residents are welcome to attend. Money earned at the book fair will be used to purchase books.

### Patriotic Program

Third graders presented a patriotic program for PFK (People for Kids) Monday. The program included songs, symbols of the United States and at the end the class sang My

### Country 'Tis of Thee

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column, including new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, engagement announcements, wedding announcements, and general news. There is no charge. Please call Ruth at 648-2333 with your news items.

**THURSDAYS**  
—Alcoholic Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.  
—Adult singles group meets in Ruidoso at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 354-2635 or 258-4680 or 257-5077.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
—Carrizozo Woman's Club business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Jim Miller at 7 p.m.  
—Capitan School Board meets at 7 p.m. in the board room in the administration building.  
—Operation Old Fort Stanton meets at 7 p.m. at Texas New Mexico Power Co. building in Ruidoso.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
—Happy Valentine's Day!  
—Open House at Carrizozo police department and court complex in newly renovated building at 406 Central, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.  
—Al Anon meeting at 8 p.m. in Carrizozo, 704 E Ave., apartment on right. For more information call 648-2472.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
—President's Day. Public offices and banks closed.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**  
—Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority meets at 2 p.m. at LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs.  
—Carrizozo School Board meets at 6 p.m. in administration building.  
—Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Committee meets at 6:30 p.m. at city hall.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**  
—La Junta FCE club meets at 10:45 a.m. at Phyllis Zumwalt's home in Hondo. Call 658-4871 for directions. Please bring a dish for potluck. Phyllis will provide the entree. Phyllis will also present the program on care of your car.  
—Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. at Capitan Senior Center.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
—United Way of Lincoln County meets at Texas New Mexico Power Co. building in Ruidoso at 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**  
—Clinics will be held at the Lincoln County Health office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Call 648-2412 for appointments for clinics for family planning, prenatal, breast and cervical. Please leave message on answering machine.



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which is: what is best for the entire community.

Some concerns brought to the attention of the commissioners during the discussion were: Would the arena compete with local weekend roping events? how to prioritize those renting the arena, for Pro Rodeo events the fees may be to high, the ability of some events to rent at the same time year after year, the rental pricing of prime holidays, someone having heard that all major holiday dates for 1997, 1998, and 1999 were taken already, and one person felt those involved in local weekend roping events were not given the opportunity to participate in the grand opening.

In response to some of the concerns, Montes stated that the intent is not to compete with anyone. Neither was Glencoe to be a weekend roping arena. Montes said that the ambition is bigger than that. Howell said he would like to see input from weekend roping arenas and their participants. Several commissioners and commenting citizens stated that they wanted the arena to succeed and felt it would be good for national and regional events.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

## Spending millions of \$\$

By Ruth Hammond

Can you imagine what it would be like to be responsible for spending billions of dollars? Probably not. Can you imagine what it would be like to be responsible for spending millions of dollars? Again, probably not. Actually most of us can't imagine being responsible for spending that much money but our State Legislators will have to make some serious decisions in the next 35 days that will result in billions of dollars being spent.

The majority of the money bills that will be introduced this session probably won't be funded but Legislators will try to get as much money for their home districts as possible. The best way to do that is to introduce more bills than can be approved and hope that at least a few will make it through to the end.

There will be bills introduced for infrastructure improvements, municipal requests, schools, buildings and equipment. Other bills will be introduced for recreation projects, computer systems and training, handicap access compliance requirements and roads.

Most of us can make suggestions as to where the money should be spent but it will be the elected officials in the roundhouse making the decisions as to which money bills will be approved and which ones will be put aside. There will be debates and more debates before final approval is given to the bills that will then be presented to governor Johnson for his signature or veto.

Lawmakers need to remember that all these money bills will add up and when they spend a million here and a million there before they know it they will be spending a lot of money.

Money isn't the only issue Legislators have to deal with this year. Gaming, Medicaid reform, and welfare reform issues are supposed to be settled by the time the session ends March 20. Financing the two new prisons must also be resolved by then.

The debates about Medicaid reform are causing concern for the type of care that will be provided for the elderly and the disabled. Medical expenses for these two groups account for 59 percent of the state Medicaid budget and the proposed managed care systems could cost more than has been estimated. Funding Medicaid is not only a money issue, it is a moral issue because of the medical needs of the elderly and disabled in the state.

Financing the two new prisons and gaming are the two most controversial issues. Neither issue was settled last year but many people are confident both will be resolved this year. There will probably be many hours of debates before lawmakers agree.

This could well be the most stressful Legislative session in many years but tomorrow lawmakers will probably take a few hours to celebrate Valentine's Day. It will be a welcome change from their hectic schedules these past three weeks and it will give them a chance to relax before the final week for bills to be introduced. February 20 is the last day to introduce bills in both the Senate and House and Legislators will probably be working night and day to make sure all their bills are prepared correctly.

Taking time off to enjoy Valentine's Day will be good not only for the Legislators, it is good for everyone. It is nice to have the chance to forget the problems, even if only for a few minutes. Many of us will take the time to tell friends to have a happy Valentine's Day and some of us will give a card to that "special someone." Parents will receive hand-made cards from their children and those children will be especially proud of their handiwork of cutting a heart out of red construction paper and pasting it on a white lacy doily. The hand-written messages on those cards will be treasured. Others will send flowers, cards, candy or gifts, and Valentine's Day will be enjoyed as it should.

Our Valentine wish for Legislators is to "Have a Heart" and make the best decisions for all of us in New Mexico. Our wish for each of you is that you have a Happy Valentine's Day.

Happy Valentine's Day to You!



# Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE**—Gov. Gary Johnson and Senate leaders are playing games.

Senate Republican leaders recently accused Senate Democrats of playing "political football" by proposing that all the state's new money be appropriated to public schools. Senate Democrats responded that they were just "calling the governor's bluff" because of the "shell game" he is playing with a proposal to give 50 percent of the state general fund to schools five years from now.

One of the few surprises in Gov. Johnson's State of the State address was his Seventh Summit, a proposed constitutional amendment to guarantee that public schools receive 50 percent of the state general fund by five years from now. Johnson was eloquent in noting that his proposal proves his belief that "education is our best dollar spent, not our last dollar spent."

But Democratic legislative leaders asked how the governor could profess to be pro-education when he had vetoed school money bills in the past. They called his pitch for 50 percent of the general fund a shell game, because not all state money is part of the general fund.

Senate Democrats countered the governor by asking why he needed to take five years to get schools up from 45 percent of the budget. Senate Republicans countered by calling Senate Democrats "irresponsible."

In truth, education always has been a political football. Constitutionally, it is the state's most important responsibility. Grades kindergarten through 12, commonly called "public schools," consume nearly 50 percent of the state general fund. Higher education takes another 17 percent. It has remained a fairly constant portion of the state budget, while public schools have fallen from 54 percent of budget in the late 1970s to just under 45 percent now.

For several years, proposals have been made for getting schools back up to 50 percent. The trick, however, is "50 percent of what?" Numerous agencies fall outside the state general fund. The huge Highway Department, for instance, directly receives earmarked gasoline taxes that don't flow through the general fund.

If a constitutional amendment ever required that 50 percent of the general fund be appropriated to public schools, lawmakers could ear-

mark fees collected by other agencies, such as professional licenses or hunting and fishing licenses, and not run them through the general fund. The general fund would then be smaller, meaning that 50 percent of it also would be a smaller amount.

That's the "shell game." The most difficult aspect of funding schools lies in the fact they are nearly half the state's general fund. Even for people who believe that nothing assures our children a bright future more than a good education, it is difficult to take half the state's money and reserve it for education before looking at other needs of the state.

So, not surprisingly, it seldom happens. Lawmakers nearly always set out to deal with the state's other problems, with the intent of being as stingy as possible so they can save as much as they can for schools. And not surprisingly, lawmakers unexpected-

ly find more problems requiring money to fix than they thought they were going to encounter.

By the time lawmakers get around to funding education, there just isn't enough left. It is not accidental that in the General Appropriation Act, higher education is next to last and public schools are last. The judicial branch of government is funded in the first pages of the lengthy act. The legislative branch is funded during the first week of the session, so it isn't even in the big money bill.

In my 35 years experience, the only time public schools were on the front burner was when the formula equalizing school funding was phased in during the mid-'70s. It was necessary to bring all schools up to the level of the best-funded districts as quickly as possible.

Fortunately New Mexico's energy boom could provide the money.

## Hindman Headstone Returned

By Ralph Dunlap

The headstone on the grave of George Hindman which was returned recently was put up on his grave in Vorwick Canyon. This headstone has been missing for many years but was returned a few days ago.

George Hindman and William Brady were killed on April 1, 1878 by the Regulators. Billy the Kid was one of the Regulators and he was convicted of the killing and sentenced to hang in Lincoln on May 13, 1879. There were 15 bullets in each Brady and Hindman.

Billy the Kid made his famous escape from the Lincoln County Courthouse where he was being held before the hanging. He shot and killed deputies Bell and Olinger in making his escape. Pat Garrett killed Billy at Fort Sumner in 1881.

The headstone was put in a larger concrete holder so

that it would be very hard to remove. A work party from the Lincoln County Historical Society put the headstone of George Hindman up and reset the William Brady headstone which had fallen over. The work group was Ted Anderson, Ralph Dunlap, Bill McCutcheon, David Martinez, Cindy Martinez, Kent Martin, Fred Pflugsten, and Rosalie Dunlap.

In this private cemetery there are possibly two other graves, one of Brady's gardener and one of the Brady child. We do not know the names of these two people. The graves are on the land that was owned by Brady at the time. It is now on private land and can be viewed by permission of the landowner.

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## Mescalero Apache Tribe Receives \$12.6 Million

Senator Pete Domenici announced that \$12.6 million in emergency appropriations has been released to help the Mescalero Apache Tribe recover from flooding and fire damage suffered last summer.

Domenici said the Mescalero funding includes \$6 million for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for emergency stabilization of two dams, emergency road repair, and other flood-related emergency expenditures. Another \$6.6 million is available to address damage on the reservation caused by flood and also to restore Indian lands damaged by fire.

Domenici said the money was released as a result of President Clinton signing an emergency declaration on the need for federal assistance to recover from the flood and fire damage in New Mexico. With the declaration, Clinton concurs with the congressional appropriation of \$12.6 million for the recovery effort provided last year on the Mescalero reservation.

Domenici, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, requested the Mescalero funding as part of the 1997 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. The bill was signed into law last September. However, the money could not be released without a declaration from the president.

With the presidential declaration, \$600,000 was also released to assist the Fish and Wildlife Service for fire recovery efforts at the Bosque Del Apache Wildlife Refuge.

"I am pleased that President Clinton has issued this declaration and that the Mescalero Reservation and the bosque will have resources to recover from the natural disasters we experienced last summer," Domenici said. "The work to be done with these funds will be good for the overall ecological health of the region."

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# LETTERS

**EDITOR:** Recent projections by academic, business and government experts indicate that New Mexico is about to experience an enormous growth wave. This will be part of a larger population surge that will engulf the entire West over the next three decades.

By 2025, it is projected that New Mexico's population will surge from its present population of 1.7 million to 2.6 million — faster growth than any state in the nation but California.

While California's growth will be led by immigrants from abroad, New Mexico's growth will be led by immigrants from the rest of the country, many from California.

Cris Garcia, a University of New Mexico political scientist, said that, "We have been discovered. We are no longer a secret. People are learning about us and its just a desirable place to come."

While much of this growth will be in a four-county area around metropolitan Albuquerque, there can be no doubt that some of the spill-over will reach Lincoln County. In fact we have already seen the vanguard of this influx.

While this may be seen as a boon for some developers, builders, merchants, etc, what price will we all pay in quality of life?

Many of these newcomers will be fleeing the tidal wave of immigration, overpopulation, crime, pollution, over-regulation and taxes that are overwhelming them. In so doing they, in turn, will bring these problems with them to New Mexico.

Is New Mexico ready for this rapid transformation of society? It would seem not.

And what of another major problem facing New Mexico in the immediate future? The demands on New Mexico's dwindling water resources will become overwhelming.

Giant corporations such as Intel and neighboring states such as Texas, with their million dollar lawyers, will suck New Mexico dry unless the people of this state insist that their leaders take steps to protect this irreplaceable commodity.

While speaking before the Carrizozo Historical Society, on the history of the Bar W Ranch, Steven Spencer pointed out that in the early days of Lincoln County (when Lincoln County was the largest county in the United States) more men were killed around springs and watering holes than were killed in saloons.

Let us hope that we don't have to relearn a lesson that the old-timers know quite well — that in the arid Southwest water is more valuable than gold.

**DONALD QUEEN**  
Carrizozo, NM

**EDITOR:** I am writing to express my great concern about the Benson Survey which virtually every Board of Educa-

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tion in Lincoln County has approved. This "free" survey is being encouraged by the school nurse under the guise of being necessary to establish a health curriculum for each school district.

After attending a meeting and reviewing the questions on the survey, I am appalled that the board members would vote to subject 12-year olds to this type of vulgar, intrusive survey. The pointed questions which are asked about their family lives are quite frankly, no one's business.

What this survey has to do with establishing a health curriculum is a mystery. Common sense tells you that a good health curriculum should consist of some very basic concepts. They are:

- 1.) Basic cleanliness, safety and manners
  - (ie) A. Personal hygiene (teach brushing, washing hands, etc.)
  - B. Fire safety — don't play with sharp objects, etc.
  - C. Covering mouth when coughing, common courtesy.
- 2.) Proper Nutrition (a great way to ensure good health!)
- 3.) Basic Physiology.
- 4.) Study of cause and prevention of common illness and disease.

I would urge all board members to reconsider their decision. Just because something is free does not make it good.

**RENEE KESSLER**  
Corona, New Mexico

**EDITOR:** This letter may be a first for me, but Don Queen's letter 1-30-97, gives me a chance to vent my feelings on a 'pet Peeve' AND agree (and disagree) with Don.

NO, Super Sunday was NOT the greatest Holy Day! YES, the game itself was QUITE an improvement! YES, the half-time performance WAS 'sleazy', my adjective exactly!

YES, the National Anthem WAS 'butchered', and not for the first time!

The latter, a pet peeve, I elude to especially, by applauding our own Robin James, a freshman at CHS. If you are in doubt as to HOW the 'Star Spangled Banner' should be sung, just give an ear to Robin at CHS sporting events and programs. Her natural, clear tones and diction; her perfect rhythm and delivery of the lyrics of Francis Scott Key and melody of John Stafford Smith, makes for a truly great rendition. Robin's mother, Dianne James, and her vocal teacher, Dolores Earwood, (Carrizozo Schools band/choral instructor) are also to be commended. Want a patriotic 'high', listen to Robin!

**PHYLLIS W. SCHLEGEL**  
Carrizozo, New Mexico

**EDITOR:** To the patrons of Zia Natural Gas of Ruidoso, New Mexico:

Just last year I wrote a letter to the editor, stating that in the near future, Zia Natural Gas Co. will be asking for a rate increase.

As of the Lincoln County News of Feb. 6, 1997, Zia has petitioned the New Mexico Public Utility Commission for a rate increase.

Some of you have told me that this would not happen, that Zia promised that the rates for gas would not be raised.

The rate increase is small in some ways in others it is frightening. Zia is requesting a new charge to gas users. They are calling it a Transmission Charge from their pipeline to your home, at a cost of .05 per c.c.f.

I do not know of any gas company that makes this charge. Always the transmission charge was included in the base cost of the gas. Also something new the more gas you use the higher rate you will have to pay.

The increase on the base rate is .2418 per c.c.f. along with the transmission charge of .05 per c.c.f. makes a total increase of .2918 per c.c.f., a nice increase. Zia is also requesting an increase for Hobbs and Jal.

If your wish to protest the rate increase, write your protest to the New Mexico Public Utility Commission, Marian Hall, 224 East Place Ave., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, before March 14, 1997. Please do.

If you doubt this letter get the Lincoln County News of Feb. 6, 1997.

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# CAPITAN NOTES

By MAUREEN SULLIVAN

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!!!

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Any thoughts of resigning from the literary world, shall we say, have been put away to rest, I guess. So many good folks have come to my "sinking ship's" rescue that I feel like Mrs. Santa Claus with all of she and Mr. Claus's little elves! And so will get right on to the business at hand, the news as I know it from Capitan.

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Would like to welcome a most important newcomer to "these here" parts!

Caleb Otero Borman decided to make his home with Michelle and Phil Borman, his proud parents, on January 28th by way of Albuquerque. Caleb was born in the hospital, so naturally he could not make his debut in Capitan right away, but he is a beautiful little boy as are his proud parents Michelle and Phil, his great grand parents, Herman and Toni Otero, and his equally proud grandparents, Esther and Brandy Flanagan, along with his great aunts, uncles and cousins.

And so Caleb Otero Borman, may we all extend our welcome to you and hope you will enjoy meeting all of us one of these days. Would love to be there when your little "big" brother sees you and may God bless you and your wonderful family. Congratulations on your good selection Caleb and God bless you always!

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And if being the grandparents of the above little boy wasn't enough for them, Esther and Brandy have been gallivanting from thither to yon ever since, first a two week vacation in Lanai, Hawaii where Esther said they had a most wonderful time. Then back to Capitan for a short while before they take off for another wonderful time in Laughlin, Nevada. They will attend a N.C.R.S. Corvette rally.

Just do not forget to come back to Capitan where your many friends are and don't forget to remember to tell me all about it when you get back. (You know when one of your close friends writes the weekly news, you do have to watch your steps. Ne est ce pas?)

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Want to welcome back to this part of town a special person, Jackie Bandy! We missed you and we thought about you. So please Jackie, say you are back to stay.

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And God bless Louie Padilla for being my special friend. As I stated before, Louie has decided to help out a lady in distress by submitting the news from the Zia Senior Center each week instead of each month.

And before I forget it, a special thanks to Molly for rounding up the news tidbit about the gentleman visiting from Alamogordo for last week's edition.

And now on with the new news from the Capitan Center for the senior crowd:

"Dear Maureen!!

Here is some news tidbits from the Capitan Zia Senior Center.

First the good news, and the good news is: There is no bad news to report. Everything purring along smoothly.

All of us at the center welcome new participants Azalia Freeman, Nita Morris, Rosemary Hezmall and Mary Schultz. Fine ladies from Angus. Indeed a pleasure to

have them visit with us.

Also, Bea Smith, a new participant from Nogal. Bea volunteered to help us update our birthday calendar. We are going to have a birthday party at the end of each month for those seniors who celebrate a birthday during that month. Thanks to Bea we can get started on it right away.

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Happy Valentine's Day!! We received a very, very special valentine this week. For us senior folks there is nothing more special than to hear the singing voices of young children.

The kindergarten classes of Dottie MacVeigh and Joanne Washburn entertained us at the center Wednesday. A beautiful musical program under the direction of music teacher Wayne Ellison.

The children gave us all a valentine which they made themselves. Thanks to principal Becca Ferguson, the teachers and the kids for a heart-warming experience.

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Capitan pool players continue their winning ways. Floyd Danielson and Wayne Mason were the winning gentlemen and Mollie Mason, Barbara Stewart and Fran Lays were winners in the ladies division. And every congrats to each and every one of you for doing the honor for our center.

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And my heartfelt thanks to you again and again Louie Padilla for the above info. As I said before and must say repeatedly, I need all the help I can get.

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Excuse me if I do a bit of boasting about my beautiful granddaughter Katie Maureen Anderson. Katie has a beautiful soprano voice for a 10 year old and she has been singing in the children's choir at Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska, but she was chosen to sing the solo last Sunday and I am very, very proud of her. And if it was your granddaughter, bet you would be doing a bit of the boasting too.

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Last Sunday was a beautiful day in many, many areas. I had the pleasure of attending a beautiful buffet dinner in honor of Ralph and Rosalie Dunlap who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and who repeated their marriage vows at church services in Lincoln earlier in the day.

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There were so many lovely folks there and I knew only a very few of them, namely Bill and Father Jan Davey, very special people to me.

Also had the honor of meeting Rosalie's mother, a lovely lady and how fortunate Rosalie to still have your mother.

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Met Mr. and Mrs. Tully and she promised to write some of their lives stories and hers especially sounded like a great one to anticipate. Will also try to get more info on the lives of Rosalie and Ralph. Just know their story would make a good movie.

It was also special to get to meet fellow writer Mr. Storms. What an interesting gentleman.

And the day was very special in every way, weather-wise, people wise and happy wise. And we wish another 50 for you Rosalie and Ralph. God Bless You!!!

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Want to wrap this bit of news up with the following, The Blessings of Living in a small town:

I discovered after three tremendous water bills that the stool in my downstairs bathroom was running overtime. A bit on the quiet side but running, nevertheless. When I got down on all fours

and really investigated, realized that there was a bit of a leak also on the green carpet that I would never notice without the bit of noise that accompanied the drip.

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My heart skipped a beat when I discovered water was leaking from the underneath. I dashed to the hardware store and asked if he was a plumber by any chance, Ron that is. He shook his head and about that time my favorite friend from back up Iowa way, Bob Ray, happened in with his little jaunty cap with the bill turned up. He asked me what my problem was and I was only too happy to unload on him. The rest is history.

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Dear friend Bob just left, with the leak stopped for now and admonitions "to do" and "not to do this" until I could get a message to Tom and he would tell him how to fix it permanently.

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And so I say God bless little towns and the good people that live in them. And with that will bring this week's epistle to a close.

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So to each and everyone, a bit of the Irish to ye!

These things I warmly wish for you—  
Someone to love,  
Some work to do,  
A bit o' sun

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And until next week, sayonara, adios and God Bless everyone that reads this trivia and even those who don't.

## OBITUARY

**DAVID WYCHE**  
Funeral service for David Wyche, 21, of Capitan was February 11 at Gateway Church of Christ with Jimmy Sportsman officiating.

Mr. Wyche died February 8 in Capitan. He was born July 4, 1975. He married Kari Hughes on September 16, 1995 in Ruidoso.

He is survived by his wife Kari and daughter Brittany both of the home; his father Charlie Wyche of Capitan; his mother and step-father, Roxanne and Dave Pfeffer of Ruidoso; a step-brother, Billy Pfeffer of Ruidoso; two step-sisters, Crystal Pfeffer of Phoenix, Arizona and Brandy Pfeffer of Abilene, Texas; his grandparents, Dave and Sue Wyche of Roswell, several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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# Sheriff's Report

**February 4:**  
 12:47 p.m. an accident with no injuries was reported at the intersection of Highways 54 and 380. One vehicle was in the roadway, the other is at a business, no injuries this time. Carrizozo police responded.  
 2:28 p.m. a 911 female caller was on line screaming they are killing me in Lincoln. When dispatcher called back to check on 911 call a child answered. The second and third time dispatcher called back to check got an answering machine. Capitan police responded, call was unfounded.  
 8:00 p.m. caller requested an officer for public service. Carrizozo police responded.

8:35 p.m. caller reported a vehicle going up and down road. Capitan police responded.

**February 5:**  
 5:52 a.m. Carrizozo police requested operator to check for a warrant on a subject. Advised we don't have one but Socorro County does. A deputy assisted.  
 12:25 p.m. caller reported a drunk person knocking on window in a rural area. Calling party advised subject and he got into argument with another person and left on foot. Subject left in vehicle with someone else. Deputy advised and other units. Units went after subject.  
 11:53 p.m. a 911 caller reported gunshots were fired, people drunk. Deputy and Carrizozo police responded, went to scene returned with prisoners in custody.

**February 6:**  
 10:45 a.m. female needed to talk to an officer about a report.  
 7:14 p.m. walk-in requested a deputy in reference to a trap that his dog came home with on his left paw. Male subject requested if it was possible for the deputy to take finger-

prints off the trap. Officer responded.

8:29 p.m. caller reported a semi slid off the road into ditch at mile marker 151 on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. State police contacted.

9:16 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance off Highway 48 for a female, dizzy and light headed. Fort Stanton ambulance responded and transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. Capitan police also responded.  
 9:19 p.m. caller reported a possible assault in Ruidoso. Ruidoso police department contacted.

**February 7:**  
 12:38 p.m. cellular phone

caller reported a ski accident off lift number eight. A 71 year old male subject requested help from ski patrol in reference to he fell down and right arm is hurt. The ski area was advised of the location of subject and his injury.

4:09 p.m. caller reported a stolen camcorder at the ski area. Officer met calling party, was told larceny took place two weeks ago.

8:52 p.m. caller reported an accident in Capitan. Capitan police responded. A wrecker was requested.

10:04 p.m. caller reported an accident on Highway 70, a hit and run accident, need report taken. An officer responded.

10:26 p.m. caller reported loud music/party near Ruidoso. An officer responded.

**February 8:**  
 1:16 a.m. a 911 caller reported people were back on her property. Two deputies responded.

3:10 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic incident near Ruidoso. When 911 call came in, calling party put phone down, dispatcher could hear arguing and yelling and then phone hung up. Calling party called again and put phone down, same as above. When dispatcher called back, the person who answered phone denied calling 911.

5:21 a.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance in Capitan for a 70 year old man having a hard time breathing. Fort Stanton ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC. Capitan police also responded. Advanced Life Support (ALS) met ambulance en route.

6:30 a.m. caller requested an ambulance for a shooting. Fort Stanton ambulance responded, Capitan police responded, sheriff's deputies responded, all units assisted. OMI contacted.

7:23 p.m. caller reported traps in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

7:56 p.m. person, on radio reported a domestic incident on a ranch. A deputy responded.

10:42 a.m. caller requested a welfare check on a female and three children. A deputy responded.

11:35 a.m. caller reported a larceny. A deputy took a report.

11:48 a.m. a 911 caller reported an accident with no injuries. State police notified at 11:51 a.m.

5:33 p.m. a 911 caller reported harassment in Carrizozo, requested an officer in reference to the harassment, no other information. Carrizozo police responded.

6:54 p.m. caller reported a fire in Carrizozo, a pile of grass lit on fire, unknown if anyone was around. Carrizozo fire department responded and returned to fire house at 7:43 p.m.

8:59 p.m. a 911 caller needed someone to turn water off, has water leak in house in Carrizozo, couldn't get a hold of anyone. Carrizozo police went by and landlord had taken care of it.

9:26 p.m. caller requested an officer regarding employers daughter. Carrizozo police responded.

11:45 p.m. caller reported suspicious vehicle driving around in a sub-division. A deputy was assigned.

11:57 p.m. a 911 caller reported a possible stolen vehicle then called back and advised not stolen.

**February 9:**  
 1:55 a.m. caller reported suspicious activity, the security light keeps coming on and dogs barking. State police notified.

2:02 a.m. caller reported an accident without injuries at mile marker 276 on Highway 70, a pickup was on the side with a trailer. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) Med I responded and transported. State police notified.

3:29 a.m. caller reported a vehicle accident on Highway

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 648-2988 (church) or 648-2107  
 Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
 Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
 Sun. Evening..... Training at 6:15 pm  
 Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
 JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
 Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2186  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
 Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
 FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853

**SATURDAY:**  
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
 C'ozoc Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

**SUNDAY:**  
 Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
 C'ozoc Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
 Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
 PAUL WETZEL, minister  
 Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
 Rev. CYNTHIA WORTHINGTON  
 Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
 258-3226  
 Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday

**United Methodist Churches**  
 WARREN K. SCHOENECKER, pastor  
 Trinity - Carrizozo  
 1000 D. Ave., 648-2893 / 257-5614  
 Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am  
 Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
 Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
 United Methodist Men Breakfast  
 2nd Sunday..... 8:30 am  
 United Methodist Women Every  
 3rd Wednesday..... 2:00 pm  
 Fellowship Dinner Last Sunday of Month  
 12:30 pm

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 Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
 Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
 Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
 Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
 Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
 Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
 Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
 Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)  
 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

**Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery**  
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 648-2650  
**Nogal Presbyterian Church:**  
 Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
 Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
**Corona Presbyterian Church:**  
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
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 ED VINSON, pastor  
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 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
 LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
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 Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

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 354-2025  
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 Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
 FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor  
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 Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
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 AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.

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**NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF THE  
CORONA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1997**

The following designated members of the Canvassing Board for the school district election held on February 4, 1997 for Corona Municipal School District No. 13, in the County of Lincoln, and State of New Mexico, hereby certify that on February 7, 1997, being within three days after such election and in the presence of each other, we canvassed said returns and made out an abstract of the votes cast at said election as follows:

CANDIDATE	CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT	ABSENTEE PRECINCT	TOTAL
<b>POSITION NO. 2 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
Peter H. Gnatkowski	71	1	72
Theresa N. Barajas	14	0	14
<b>POSITION NO. 3 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
Donna Marie Pashl	70	1	71
<b>POSITION NO. 5 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
Shirley Jeanene Gibbe	74	1	75

Total number of eligible voters in the school district as of January 7, 1997 (Deadline for Registration): 256  
Total number of persons voting in the election was: 88  
WITNESS our hands this 7th day of February, 1997.

**CANVASSING BOARD:**  
MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR,  
Lincoln County Clerk  
BOB RICHARDSON,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Corona Municipal School District No. 13  
GERALD DEAN, JR.,  
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**NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF THE  
CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28  
REGULAR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND  
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1997**

The following designated members of the Canvassing Board for the school district election held on February 4, 1997 for Capitan School District No. 28, in the County of Lincoln, and State of New Mexico, hereby certify that on February 7, 1997, being within three days after such election and in the presence of each other, we canvassed said returns and made out an abstract of the votes cast at said election as follows:

CANDIDATE	CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT	ABSENTEE PRECINCT	TOTAL
<b>POSITION NO. 1 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
Thomas Robert Trost	89 / 88 / 93	7	277
Russell E. Shearer	22 / 27 / 21	4	74
<b>POSITION NO. 2 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
Rudy Salz, Jr.	15 / 18 / 19	1	51
Jack A. King	58 / 55 / 54	6	173
Jody D. Roberts	41 / 46 / 39	8	132

**PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION**  
"Shall the Board of Education of the Capitan School District No. 28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 1997, 1998 and 1999 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT	FOR THE TAX	AGAINST THE TAX
	80 / 74 / 85	26 / 39 / 20
ABSENTEE PRECINCT	FOR THE TAX	AGAINST THE TAX
	8	4

Total votes cast by all qualified, registered electors of the District: FOR the Capital Tax Question there were cast 247 votes.  
AGAINST the Capital Tax Question there were cast 89 votes.  
Total number of eligible voters in the school district as of January 7, 1997 (Deadline for Registration): 2,280  
Total number of persons voting in the election was: 349.  
We hereby certify that from said canvass, we have determined and declare that said capital improvements tax question has been Approved (Approved/Disapproved).  
WITNESS our hands this 7th day of February, 1997.

**CANVASSING BOARD:**  
MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR,  
Lincoln County Clerk  
DIANA BILLINGSLEY,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Capitan School District No. 28  
GERALD DEAN, JR.,  
Magistrate in Lincoln County

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**NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF THE  
HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, SCHOOL BOND ELECTION AND  
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1997**

The following designated members of the Canvassing Board for the school district election held on February 4, 1997 for Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, in the County of Lincoln, and State of New Mexico, hereby certify that on February 7, 1997, being within three days after such election and in the presence of each other, we canvassed said returns and made out an abstract of the votes cast at said election as follows:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION	FOR THE BOND	AGAINST THE BOND
	105	37
FOR THE TAX	AGAINST THE TAX	
	100	32
ABSENTEE PRECINCT	FOR THE BOND	AGAINST THE BOND
	0	1
FOR THE TAX	AGAINST THE TAX	
	0	1

Total votes cast by all qualified, registered electors of the District: FOR the General Obligation Bond there were cast 105 votes.  
AGAINST the General Obligation Bond there were cast 37 votes.  
FOR the Capital Improvements Tax there were cast 100 votes.  
AGAINST the Capital Improvements Tax there were cast 33 votes.  
Total number of eligible voters in the school district as of January 7, 1997 (Deadline for Registration): 555

Total number of persons voting in the election was: 143.  
We hereby certify that from said canvass, we have determined and declare that said bonds question has been Approved (Approved/Disapproved) and said tax question has been Approved (Approved/Disapproved).  
WITNESS our hands this 7th day of February, 1997.

**CANVASSING BOARD:**  
MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR,  
Lincoln County Clerk  
BARBARA CASEY,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Hondo School District No. 20  
GERALD DEAN, JR.,  
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**NOTICE  
CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF THE  
CARRIZO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 1997**

The following designated members of the Canvassing Board for the school district election held on February 4, 1997 for Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7, in the County of Lincoln, and State of New Mexico, hereby certify that on February 7, 1997, being within three days after such election and in the presence of each other, we canvassed said returns and made out an abstract of the votes cast at said election as follows:

CANDIDATE	CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT	ABSENTEE PRECINCT	TOTAL
<b>POSITION NO. 1 - 2 YEAR TERM</b>			
Steve P. Harkay	123 / 68	43	234
Lee Roy Zamora	87 / 73	19	179
<b>POSITION NO. 2 - 2 YEAR TERM</b>			
Lisa Shivers	144 / 93	51	286
Frederick R. Serna	66 / 47	11	124
<b>POSITION NO. 3 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
R. Elton Matthews	12 / 10	4	26
Wm. Gray Gallacher	127 / 86	47	260
Tommy L. Nelson	16 / 9	0	25
Nick Serna	58 / 35	11	102
<b>POSITION NO. 4 - 4 YEAR TERM</b>			
Ruby L. White	47 / 38	14	99
Eldon G. Offutt	94 / 57	18	169
Declared Write-In	48 / 32	30	110

Total number of eligible voters in the school district as of January 7, 1997 (Deadline for Registration): 1,052  
Total number of persons voting in the election was: 361  
WITNESS our hands this 7th day of February, 1997.

**CANVASSING BOARD:**  
MARTHA MCKNIGHT PROCTOR,  
Lincoln County Clerk  
PAULA PAPPONI,  
Superintendent of Schools  
Carrizozo Municipal School District No. 7  
GERALD DEAN, JR.,  
Magistrate in Lincoln County

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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF  
LINCOLN  
STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-96-12

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
ACTING THROUGH )  
RURAL ECONOMIC )  
AND COMMUNITY )  
DEVELOPMENT, INC./a )  
FARMERS HOME )  
ADMINISTRATION, )  
UNITED STATES )  
DEPARTMENT OF )  
AGRICULTURE, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
MCCULLOUGH )  
REFRIGERATION, )  
FOXWORTH- )  
GALBRAITH, )  
INC., AND BUCKNER )  
ELECTRIC, )  
Defendant(s) )

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will, on February 18, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:  
Lot 4, Block 13 of Pinecliff, Unit 4, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the Amended Plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on August 7, 1987, in Tube No. 284; SUBJECT TO: All outstanding easements, rights-of-way, mineral leases, mineral reservations and mineral restrictions of record

The address of the real property is 121 Reoso Drive Box 15, Ruidoso, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 9, 1996, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$51,454.46, plus interest from October 16, 1996 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.00% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff

has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: January 17, 1997.

**NICK VEGA**  
Special Master  
P.O. Box 388  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
505/648-2217

Published January 23 and 30, and February 6 and 13, 1997.

**IN THE TWELFTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF  
NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-96-203  
Div.

**IN THE MATTER OF )  
THE PETITION OF )  
NANCY LEE )  
RADZIEWICZ )  
FOR CHANGE )  
OF NAME )**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

**COMES NOW** the Petitioner, by and through her attorneys of record, DANIEL A. BRYANT, P.A., hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, the 15th day of November, 1996, requesting that the Petitioner's name be changed from NANCY LEE RADZIEWICZ to NANCY LEE MITCHELL.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Hon. Richard A. Parsons, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 17th day of February, 1997, at the Lincoln County

Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing her name from NANCY LEE RADZIEWICZ to NANCY LEE MITCHELL.

**DANIEL A. BRYANT, P.A.**  
Daniel A. Bryant  
P.O. Box 1000  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
(505) 257-3202  
Attorneys for Petitioner

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Public Land Use Affairs (PLUAC) Committee will hold their regular meetings on the first Monday of each month starting March 3, 1997. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the courthouse in Carrizozo.

March 3, 1997  
April 7, 1997  
May 5, 1997  
June 2, 1997  
July 7, 1997  
August 4, 1997  
September 1, 1997  
October 6, 1997  
November 3, 1997  
December 1, 1997

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee will hold their regular meetings on the first Monday of each month starting March 3, 1997. The meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the courthouse in Carrizozo.

March 3, 1997  
April 7, 1997  
May 5, 1997  
June 2, 1997  
July 7, 1997  
August 4, 1997  
September 1, 1997  
October 6, 1997  
November 3, 1997  
December 1, 1997

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 1997, at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to receive public input

on whether County Owned Hospitals should follow the following requirements:

1. OPEN MEETINGS ACT
  2. STATE PROCUREMENT CODE
- All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard.  
**MONROY A. MONTES**,  
Chairman  
Lincoln County  
Commissioner

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**MEETING NOTICE**

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold a special Board meeting on Saturday, March 1, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be held at the Ruidoso Civic Events Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Drive, Ruidoso. Agenda is available 24 hours prior to the meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

**MARTHA GUEVARA**,  
Assistant  
County Manager

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**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Town of Carrizozo Planning & Zoning Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 1997 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

Agenda will be posted in accordance with Resolution 1996-12, twenty-four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

**SUZANNE DONAZETTI**  
Secretary  
Planning & Zoning  
Committee

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**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS**

**NOTICE**  
Name, Address, Zip Code of Grant Recipient; Village of Capitan, P.O. Box 246, Capitan, NM 88316, Telephone Number (505) 354-2247, Application/Grant Number: 97-C-RS-1-L-661.

Date of Publication: February 13, 1997.  
**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:** On or about March 3, 1997 the Village of Capitan will request to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:

**PROJECT TITLE OR NAME:** Village of Capitan Water System Improvements-Storage.

**PURPOSE OR NATURE OF PROJECT:** To install two million gallons of additional water storage.

**LOCATION OF PROJECT:** five miles east of Capitan, New Mexico, Village of Capitan, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

**ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:** \$375,000.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** To install one two million gallon storage tank and connect to the existing water system.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

An environmental review of the project has been made by the Grantee and is available for public examination and copying of the office noted above. Based on this review, the grantee has determined that a request for release of project funds will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and hence, an environmental impact statement will not be undertaken under the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-910).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an environmental impact statement are as follows:

This project will not adversely affect the environment and any construction related nuisances such as dust and noise will cease upon project completion. The project is very essential to our community.

**Public Comment on Finding**

All interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with these decisions are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the grantee by March 3, 1997. All comments must clearly specify which decision they object to — The Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds. All comments so received will be considered by the Grantee prior to its taking any administrative action or requesting release of funds on the date listed immediately above.

**RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS**

The Grantee will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The grantee is certifying to HUD that the Village of Capitan and Norman Renfro, Mayor in his/her official capacity, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Grantee may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities listed in 24 CFR Part 58. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

(a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the Grantee

(b) that the environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process, or

(c) another federal agency has submitted written comments pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Air Act or Section 102(c) of NEPA. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD or LGD/DFA, Room 201, Bataan Memorial Bldg., Santa Fe, NM 87503. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD or LGD/DFA. No objection received after 15 days from the date of request for funds listed above will be considered by HUD or LGD/DFA. Mayor Norman Renfro Village of Capitan P.O. Box 246 Capitan, NM 88316  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Lincoln County Medical Center COMMUNITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Thursday, February 27, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. The Agenda will be available at the Administrator's Office, on Monday, February 24, 1997.

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**SANITATION WORKER I** LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE is accepting applications for sanitation worker 1. Apply in person at Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority, 222 2nd Street in Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Position closes, Friday, Feb. 14, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. LCSWA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
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### LEGALS

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
 Case No. 2758  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM NMPUC RULE 640.8 BY ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF NATURAL GAS PROCESSING CO.**  
**ZIA NATURAL GAS COMPANY,**  
 Petitioner.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "NMPUC") that:

- On December 18, 1996, Zia Natural Gas Company, a division of Natural Gas Processing Co. ("Zia"), filed a Request for Exemption from the application of NMPUC Rule 640.8 to its January 1997 Gas Cost Factor Statement. NMPUC Rule 640 governs Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses ("PGAC") for Gas Utilities, and NMPUC Rule 640.8 provides for a mandatory hearing to be held whenever any gas cost factor statement shows an increase in the cost of gas from the previous gas cost factor statement of ten percent or more. Zia stated that it anticipated that its January 1997 Gas Cost Factor Statement for its Hobbs system would reflect an increase of more than ten percent in its gas cost factor from December 1996, based solely upon the anticipated increase in the PGAC of its gas supplier for the Hobbs system, PNM Gas Services, and requested that it be exempted from the mandatory hearing requirement. Zia also requested a variance from the requirement of NMPUC Rule 640.23 that the utility's gas cost factor statement be filed at least fifteen days before the effective date of the adjustment in the utility's charges for the cost of gas.
- Under NMPUC Rule 640.12, Zia's filing of its Request for Exemption stayed the application of the affected portions of NMPUC Rule 640 for a period of sixty days, or until further order of the Commission. Accordingly, Zia's January Gas Cost Factor Statement took effect in January 1997.
- On February 5, 1997, the Commission issued an Order on Variances and Scheduling Hearing. In that Order, the Commission granted Zia's request for a variance from NMPUC Rule 640.23 but denied Zia's request for a variance from NMPUC Rule 640.8. The Commission ordered that such a public hearing be held on February 17, 1997.
- Zia provides gas utility service and is a public utility as defined in the Public Utility Act, NMSA 1978, Section 62-1-1, et seq. (Repl. Pam. 1993 & Cum. Supp. 1996), which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- Any person who desires to intervene to become a party to this case must file a Motion for Leave to Intervene, pursuant to NMPUC Rules 110.56 and 110.57, on or before the commencement of the public hearing in this proceeding, which is to begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 1997.
- Zia shall provide oral direct testimony at the public hearing in this matter.
- The Commission Advocacy Staff and any intervenors may submit oral direct testimony at the public hearing on this matter.
- Any rebuttal testimony shall be submitted orally at the public hearing on this matter.
- A public hearing will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. on February 17, 1997, at the Commission's offices, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico, for the purpose of hearing and receiving evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters regarding PNMGS's Application for Variances and its January gas cost factor statement.
- The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (NMPUC Rule 110) apply to this case except as modified by Order of the Commission.
- Any pleadings, documents or testimony filed in this case shall be served in accordance with NMPUC Rule 110.15 except as otherwise ordered.
- Any interested person may examine Zia's filings together with any exhibits and related documents which may be filed at Zia's offices, 707 Short Drive, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88345, telephone (505) 378-4277, or 110 South Fowler Street, Hobbs, New Mexico 88241, telephone: (505) 393-5105, or at the Commission's offices, Marian Hall, 224 East Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, telephone: (505) 827-6940.
- Further information regarding this case may be obtained by contacting Zia or the Commission at the addresses and telephone numbers provided above.
- Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and give a written or oral comment, pursuant to NMPUC Rule 110, without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.
- Interested persons should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.
- Any person with a disability requiring special assistance in order to participate in this proceeding should contact the offices of

Public Utility Act, NMSA 1978, Section 62-1-1, et seq. (Repl. Pam. 1993 & Cum. Supp. 1996), which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**WAYNE SHIRLEY, CHAIRMAN**  
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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
 No. CV-97-001 Div. III  
**JOHN PAUL SEDILO and SHIRLEY MAE SEDILO,**  
 Husband and Wife,  
 Plaintiffs,

**A.E. McGLASHAN,** if living; if deceased, his unknown heirs; **HARRIETT SHERBURNE,** if living; if deceased, her unknown heirs; **DANIEL VIGIL,** if living; if deceased, his unknown heirs; **MANUEL VIGIL,** if living; if deceased, his unknown heirs; **JOSE B. BACA,** if living; if deceased, his unknown heirs; **JOSE V. BACA and ALLIED STORES, INC.,** and/or its successors in interest, AND **UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS,**  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiffs have filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to cause the certain real property.

That unless you file a responsive pleading or motion in said cause on or before the 20th day of March, 1997, judgment by default will be entered against you.

**DAVID M. STEVENS, ESQ. HENNINGHAUSEN, OLSEN & STEVENS, L.L.P.**  
 Post Office Box 65  
 Alto, New Mexico 88312-0065  
 (505) 336-7077

**WITNESS** the Honorable S/Robert M. Doughty, II, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, this 29th day of January, 1997.

**EUGENIA O. VEGA**  
 Clerk of the

District Court (NEAL)  
 By: Elizabeth Lueros Deputy  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on February 13, 1997.

### OBITUARY

**NEVA MAE PETROSS**  
 Neva Mae Petross, 73, of Claunch died January 30 at her residence. She was born September 27, 1923 in Snyder, Texas. She was a member of the Baptist Church, Claunch Club for many years, and taught school and Sunday School in Claunch. She was also very active in Claunch reunions and ranch work. She retired as postmaster in Claunch after 12 years service.

She married Joe Petross October 24, 1941 in Carrizozo. He survives her of the home. She is also survived by one sister, Louise Blount of Prescott, Arkansas and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted February 3, at the Claunch Community Church with Rev. Ray Wells and Vernie Wells officiating. Burial followed in the Claunch Cemetery with Bill Wells, Wyndell Wells, John McKibben, Alvie McKibben, Mozauh McKibben and John Cundiff serving as pallbearers.

#### MARIAN WHITE

No services are planned at this time for Marian White, 65, of Ruidoso who died February 5, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso. She was born March 6, 1931 in Enid, Oklahoma.

She is survived by a daughter Jana Schlansker of Los Altos, California; her mother Reba Warren of Perry, Oklahoma; brother George Warren of Perry, Oklahoma; sister Shirley Williams also of Perry; and two grandchildren.

## Crucial Matches Await Grizzlies

by Katie Hightower

A roller coaster ride might be used to describe the play of the Grizzly boys last week. The team took their game on the road, traveling to Mountainair and Vaughn. The 3-1 Grizzlies sought to improve to 5-1 in district.

Pitted against the Mountainair Mustangs Thursday night, it appeared as if the Grizzlies mentally never got off the bus. The Mustangs outplayed Carrizozo, committing fewer turnovers and playing better defense. Zozo was still a factor in the game at halftime, but went downhill from there. After a long night, the Grizzlies were left with a 64-45 loss.

In the game, the Grizzlies brought down a meager 14 boards. This was very uncharacteristic of the team, which averages 38 rebounds per game. "We just did not come to play," stated Grizzly coach Gerald Horacek.

The team that took the court on Friday night in Vaughn looked like a different ball club. The Grizzlies, fully

recovered from the previous evening's loss, defeated the rival Eagles.

Off to a great start in the first half, Carrizozo led by 10 points at the break. Zozo was in for a surprise when Vaughn came out roaring in the second half to tie the game at 40 with less than five minutes to play. Not to be outdone, Carrizozo answered back, outscoring its opponent 16-5 in the final minutes. When the buzzer sounded, the Grizzlies emerged with a 56-45 victory.

Carrizozo was in top form, playing excellent defense and shooting better from the field. The hoopsters won the praise of their coach, capturing 49 boards in the game. "I'm really proud of the players," said Horacek.

Zozo freshmen Carlos Garcia and Ryan Roper played well beyond their years and really stepped up their game for the team. Junior John Paul Ortiz came through with one of his best performances of the season. "John Paul played super," quipped Horacek.

The Grizzlies will finish up regular season district play this week, with two games away from home. The team will meet Corona on Thursday night, looking for their second win against the Cardinals.

Friday night will find Zozo in a showdown with the Fort Sumner Foxes. Carrizozo dropped a game to the Foxes when they met them at home two week ago. The Grizzlies are eager for a rematch with the team that afforded them their first district loss. The showdown is slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday.

These two upcoming games are very crucial to the Grizzlies. The team must win at least one of the two games to hold on to its number two ranking in district. By achieving this position, the Grizzlies would have the privilege of hosting the first two rounds of the district tournament.

Homecourt advantage is definitely important to the Grizzly team which plays much better in front of its local crowd.

# Sheriff's Report

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380 east of Fort Stanton turn-off and requested an ambulance. Fort Stanton ambulance responded and transported to LCMC.

6:22 a.m. caller advised of an accident without injuries on Highway 380. State police notified.

A walk-in advised of a larceny. An officer took a report.

8:09 a.m. deputy on radio reported a male subject incoherent, trying to break mail boxes. Two deputies responded.

9:45 a.m. caller reported theft on Highway 70, a male subject, no other information, has taken \$550.00. A deputy responded.

5:50 p.m. an ambulance was requested at the ski area for a 56 year old male with a wrist injury. Alto ambulance responded and transported patient to LCMC.

1:25 p.m. a 911 caller reported a breaking and entering in Capitan, two young males and a dog entered the

location. Capitan police responded. Capitan police advised taking the juveniles to their parents, will be doing a referral.

1:31 p.m. caller requested an ambulance for a 72 year old female with severe dehydration, diarrhea for three days. RALS transported the patient to LCMC.

1:54 p.m. a 911 caller reported a suspicious person, a male subject, hiding in Capitan. Capitan police responded.

2:23 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for an elderly female with fainting spells in Corona. Corona ambulance paged, no response, Carrizozo EMS paged.

2:59 p.m. a grass fire was reported on Highway 70 south of mile marker 284. Hondo fire department responded, state police notified.

3:15 p.m. anonymous caller reported a possible drunken driver in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police and a deputy responded.

ed.  
3:21 p.m. caller reported assault and battery. A deputy responded.

3:52 p.m. caller from Children Youth and Families requested assist. A deputy responded.

## OBITUARY

### WALTER PATTERSON

Graveside services for Walter Patterson, 77, of Carrizozo were February 8 at Evergreen Cemetery in Carrizozo. Mr. Patterson died February 6, at Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

He was born May 14, 1919 in Littlefield, Texas. He had lived in Lincoln County for 30 years and had worked at Fort Stanton Hospital. He served in the Army during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter Cora Ryen of Ruidoso Downs; two brothers, Donald R. Patterson of Roswell and Harry C. Patterson of Hobbs; sister Beulah Gugin of Moses Lake, Washington and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

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vioral health problems may not be properly served by a managed care program and for that reason, I'd like to see those patients remain with the current plan for at least a few more years," Campos concluded.

February 20 is the last day to introduce bills in both the House and Senate for this session. "I believe all the issues on the table will be resolved," Campos said.

Next week, Campos will speak on protecting the integrity of rural New Mexico. He is concerned about the high levels of unemployment. "How can we convince the rest of the state, that rural New Mexico has a place in society and how we can take care of it."

In the House there are several bills to protect the rural primary health care clinics to assure they will be included in any managed care system.

Campos also will be speaking on rural infrastructure and his concerns with the proposal to turn state maintained roads over to the counties to maintain. A bill is being drafted on behalf of the Association of Counties concerning this proposal. "If the governor wants the counties to accept 4,000 miles of state roads, then the state must turn over some money for the counties to maintain them," Campos said.

Campos has no bills up into committee this week.

Williams introduced a bill last week, House Bill 579 which would exempt boards of public owned hospitals which are privately run from the Open Meetings Act. Last year, the Lincoln County Commissioners raised the issue with the Lincoln County Medical Center board, which resulted in the LCMC board, begrudgingly it turns out, did pass on Open Meetings Resolution, which makes the board meeting open. The state Open Meetings Act does allow hospital boards to recess into closed session to discuss limited personnel items and certain business strategy discussions already. When asked why he is sponsoring the bill, Williams said it is to close a loophole for the hospital boards. He also said he plans to amend the bill to make it more specific and focused on protection of the privately employed employees and peer review. "The bill might be broader than it need be," Williams said. The bill will have been heard in its first committee — Voters and Election by the time Lincoln Coun-

ty News hits the newsstands.

Here is a list of the appropriation request bills, with specific money amounts, that Williams has introduced. It is unsure how much money there will be for these projects, especially if the Senate goes through with its proposal to spend the entire \$130 million in new revenue on Education.

All appropriation bills must go through the Capitol Outlay Subcommittee of Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Williams money bills are as follows:

\* House Bill 228—Capitan Schools computers \$200,000 for computers and training.

\* HB 229—Carrizozo Capital Improvements projects; \$613,000 for a new municipal building, or renovate the existing building; \$20,000 for a town computer system; \$100,000 for golf course improvements; \$225,000 for heavy equipment for the town yard; \$114,300 to renovate the swimming pool to comply with handicap access; \$20,000 to renovate the airport building for handicap access; \$125,000 for more heavy equipment for the town yard.

\* HB 230—Ruidoso School programs; \$150,000 total, with \$50,000 for the parents as teachers program and \$100,000 to the Gavilan adolescent day facility.

\* HB 231—Ruidoso Water System; \$1 million to improve the village water system.

\* HB 232—Ruidoso Ball Field; \$20,000 for lights for the new baseball field at the White Mountain sports complex.

\* HB 233—Lincoln County Projects; \$187,000 with \$150,000 for sewer lines to the Los Lomas subdivision and \$37,500 for renovation of the All American Park in Ruidoso Downs.

\* HB 288—Ruidoso Youth facility, specifies not dollar amount for construction of an indoor swimming pool and youth center in Ruidoso.

\* HB 416—Corona Projects; \$535,000 total with \$400,000 for a water storage tank and 10,000 feet of water lines, \$100,000 renovation of village hall and \$35,000 to chip seal existing paved roads.

\* HB 417—Carrizozo Schools; \$103,000 total for a library and multipurpose room remodel; with \$103,000 for the library and \$18,000 for the multipurpose room.

\* HB 418—Lincoln Water System; \$265,000 to drill a new well, install tanks and valves and sewer lines.

\* HB 420—Capitan Water Tank; \$350,000 for the water storage tank.

\* HB 423—Corona Schools; \$433,450 total with \$5,000 for a satellite system; \$25,750 for an activity vehicle and \$402,700 for a new gym with locker and shower facilities.

## Sen. Domenici Staff Will Be In Carrizozo 25th

Staff members of U.S. Senator Pete V. Domenici will be in Carrizozo Tuesday, Feb. 25 in the Lincoln County Courthouse, commissioner's meeting room from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Anyone who is experiencing difficulty with a federal agency who would like Senator Domenici's assistance is welcome to visit with the Senator's staff. Additionally anyone who would like to convey an opinion to the Senator is welcome to do so.

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